



January 04, 2022  
Renewed

Permit No. QC 1052

**MASTER PERMIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF  
COTTON SEED PRODUCED IN GEORGIA FOR  
USE AS FEED OR FERTILIZER IN CALIFORNIA**

Under authority of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits), Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) to authorize firms to ship Georgia grown cotton seed without treatment to California that would otherwise be prohibited by CCR, Section 3254, Cotton Pests Exterior Quarantine, under the following conditions:

GDA shall ensure that the following conditions are met:

1. Shippers may only be approved if they are under a compliance agreement with GDA to ship only cottonseed that has been authorized by this permit and to adhere to the requirements of this permit.
2. Prior to commencement of shipping, GDA shall confirm by email to the CDFA's Permits and Regulations Unit a list of approved shippers, annually, at [permits@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:permits@cdfa.ca.gov).
3. GDA shall monitor shippers to ensure that the conditions of this permit are met. Supervision shall include periodic on-site inspections and review of cottonseed receipts and shipment records.
4. All cottonseed shipments received by the approved shipper shall be recorded and their identity shall be carefully maintained until reshipment to California.
5. There shall be no commingling of Georgia-produced cottonseed with cottonseed produced in other states.
6. Only Georgia-produced cottonseed produced in an area known to be free from cotton boll weevil shall be shipped to California under this permit.
7. The GDA shall maintain an active Boll Weevil Eradication Project as detailed in its Rules, Chapters 40-24-1 through 40-24-9.
8. If a boll weevil is trapped anywhere in Georgia, the CDFA's Permits, and Regulations Unit shall be notified within three days of the find: [permits@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:permits@cdfa.ca.gov)
9. Each shipment shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by an authorized representative of GDA affirming that the shipment "meets the requirements of California



Permit No. QC 1052 for cotton boll weevil.” In lieu of a paper certificate, a sticker or stamp-type certificate may be used with the following format:

Georgia Origin Cottonseed Shipped Under  
Authority of Permit No. QC 1052 for Cotton Boll Weevil.  
Approved by Georgia Department of Agriculture.

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(signature)  
Authorized Representative

10. Cottonseed products destined to California for feed shall be accompanied by a Movement Certificate (513-074) and an Aflatoxin Certification indicating that the aflatoxin concentration is less than 20 parts per billion.
11. Should any federal regulations be applicable, all cottonseed shipped must also be in compliance with those regulations.
12. All cottonseed shipped to California under this permit are subject to inspection upon arrival in California.
13. Any shipment of cottonseed found to be infested with boll weevil or improperly certified shall be rejected in accordance with California laws and the shipper suspended until CDFA, in consultation with GDA, determines the nature of the violations involved and is satisfied with the resolution of the violation(s).
14. The GDA shall notify CDFA Permits and Regulations via email ([permits@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:permits@cdfa.ca.gov)) of any violations, suspected or known, of this permit brought to the attention of the GDA by any party to enable a cooperative investigation or other appropriate action.
15. The CDFA reserves the right to amend this permit at any time.

Violation of any of the conditions of this permit, or the detection of any serious live plant pest in any shipment authorized by this permit, shall be sufficient cause for immediate revocation of this permit and destruction of the seed, or return of the seed to origin at the expense of the shipper.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through January 31, 2023.

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